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a portable terminal having a data communication network connection for retrieving the order from the central order processor; and

a vehicle cradle for mounting on a motorized delivery vehicle for delivering goods to the customer destination location, said vehicle cradle including a housing for removably receiving said portable terminal, a power management system for delivering power to said portable terminal and a communication port for communicating data from said vehicle cradle to said portable terminal;

wherein said portable terminal is operable within said vehicle cradle and at a location remote from said vehicle cradle.

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40. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 39 wherein the vehicle cradle couples to a wide area ~~[are]~~ network antenna for communicating signals to the central order processor.

41. (Original) The system of claim 39 wherein the vehicle cradle is coupled to a GPS antenna and location processor for deriving the coordinates of the vehicle.

42. (Original) The vehicle cradle of claim 10 wherein the cradle further comprises:

an antenna transmitter for transmitting a set of transmission signals received from the portable terminal over the communication port over a wireless wide area communication network.

43. (Original) The vehicle cradle of claim 10 wherein the communication port is a wireless communication transceiver.

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44. (Currently amended) The vehicle cradle of claim 43 wherein the ~~[wireless]~~ communication port is an infra-red communication transceiver.

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45. (Previously Amended) A vehicle cradle for removably receiving a portable terminal in a motorized vehicle, the portable terminal being operable at a location remote from the vehicle cradle and when within the vehicle cradle, said cradle comprising;

74 a housing configured to allow a user to secure and remove the portable terminal;
a battery charger for charging a battery within the portable terminal;
a communication port for receiving order data from the portable terminal;

and

a signal transmitter for transmitting the order data received from the portable terminal over a wide area wireless communication network to an order server.